



MEMORANDUM

P.O. Box 4100 ♦ FRISCO, COLORADO 80443

TO: MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
FROM: HILARY SUEOKA, ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS MANAGER
RE: RESOLUTION 23-28, SUPPORT FOR APPLICATION TO COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS FOR THE ENERGY IMPACT ASSISTANCE FUND: CLIMATE RESILIENCE CHALLENGE
DATE: JULY 25, 2023

Summary and Background: Over the past few years, the Town of Frisco has adopted ambitious climate and resilience goals. Frisco began its climate planning journey in 2006 with the Clean Tracks Plan. In 2018, Frisco Staff participated in the planning process for the Summit Community Climate Action Plan, to be adopted by Town Council later the same year. In 2022, Council members confirmed their ambitions by adopting the Partners in Energy Frisco Energy Action Plan including science based targets for greenhouse gas emissions. This built upon the adopted goal to reach 100% renewable energy by 2035.

Currently, Staff and Council Members have a variety of plans and goals to achieve which are all focused on similar themes, but are located in a variety of separate documents from a wide range of years. A Climate Action Plan focused specifically on the Town would guide the implementation of climate and resilience work through a prioritized roadmap that captures existing actions well as any new topics not covered in a current or previous plan.

While funds are budgeted for this project in 2024, grant funding from DOLA will ensure a robust and inclusive planning process, as well as help stretch tax-payer dollars to implement additional projects, keeping momentum toward Council, community, and Town goals.

Analysis: Town staff identified the DOLA EIAF grant as a good match for the Climate Action Plan in June 2023. Frisco staff have completed the application with a request for \$45,000 of grant funding, which would fund 80% of the cost of a Climate Action Plan. Official Action by Town Council to approve the grant application and commit to expenditure of required matching funds in the amount of 10% is required to submit the DOLA EIAF Climate Resilience Challenge application by August 1.

Financial Impact: A requirement of the grant award is to commit to the expenditure of matching funds in the amount of 10%. The 2023 budget can accommodate a \$5,000 expenditure for this project. Success in the grant application will make funds available for additional sustainability-related projects.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: A Frisco Climate Action Plan will help to guide implementation

of the Summit Community Climate Action Plan, which is a listed goal in the Council Strategic Plan. A CAP could also provide necessary action to ensure the completion of high priority goals including net zero.

Staff Recommendation: Staff requests Council approval of Resolution 23-28, supporting the application by the Town for the grant application to DOLA EIAF to be utilized to support the creation of a Climate Action Plan for the Town of Frisco.

Reviews and Approvals: This report has been reviewed and approved by:

Diane McBride, Assistant Town Manager

Leslie Edwards, Finance Director

Tom Fisher, Town Manager

Attachments:

Resolution 23-28